

Abstract

Selected legal issues of international passenger transport

The topic of the diploma thesis is ‘selected legal issues of international passenger transport’. The aim of the thesis is to analyse the issues of substantive law related to the liability of carriers and rights of passengers in the international rail, road and air transport. The thesis focuses on applicable legislation of liability of carriers and rights of passengers, but also deals with the legislation proposed *pro futuro*.

The diploma thesis is divided into seven chapters, further divided into subchapters. In the introduction the thesis defines the term ‘international passenger transport’ and summarises its key legal sources. Further, it addresses the conflict of law rules applicable to the contract on international passenger transport. The core of the thesis is in the following chapters that deal with the direct substantive rules governing the liability of carriers and rights of passengers in individual types of transport, which are contained especially in multilateral international conventions and secondary legislation of the European Union. The conclusion of the thesis summarises and assesses the analysed legal issues in the researched legislation.

The first, opening chapter contains the introduction to the topic of legislation related to international passenger transport. It introduces the aim of the thesis and its material scope and briefly summarises the content of individual chapters.

The second chapter first generally defines the term ‘international passenger transport’ and explains, why the international passenger transport is mainly governed by the sources of international law containing direct rules. Further, the chapter includes the list of legislation relevant to the issue of liability of the carrier and rights of passengers, which are discussed in detail in the following chapters of the thesis.

The third chapter is concerned with the conflict of law rules applicable to the contract on international passenger transport, in case the respective issue is not governed by direct rules.

The fourth chapter addresses direct rules regarding the liability of the carrier and rights of passengers in international rail transport. It deals with situations, in which the liability of a carrier towards the passengers is established, and analyses the rights that belong to passengers in these situations.

The fifth chapter deals with direct rules regarding the liability of the carrier and rights of passengers in international road transport.

The sixth chapter focuses on direct rules of international passenger air transport. It discusses in detail the most important legislation with regard to the constitution, conditions and scope of the carrier's liability, and comprehensively deals with the individual rights that passengers dispose of.

The last, seventh chapter contains the conclusions reached by the analysis of the selected legal issues, assesses the contribution of the applicable legislation and summarises, what changes can be expected in this field in the future.